



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS



Helicopter: Agusta-Bell 212

Length: 17,43 m

Rotor diameter: 14,64

Height: 3,83 m

Empty Weight: 3420 kg

Max take-off weight: 5080 Kg

Speed: 130Kts

Autonomy: 3h 15min

OVERVIEW

The AB212 ASW is an Anti-submarine warfare and Anti-surface warfare helicopter. It is a Turbo Prop Twin Engine Helicopter with a two-blade semi-rigid main rotor system and a prominent radar dome above the pilots cockpit.

The crew requested to conduct a mission is made by 2 pilots and 2 operators. The AB212 has the possibility to change in several intermediate configurations in order to conduct a large spectrum of missions, as a matter of fact, the AB212 was deployed in the main operational activities the Italian Navy participated to.

History of the Fourth Helicopter Squadron

The 4th IT Helicopter Squadron was founded in Grottaglie Airport on 1st march 1976, with the main task of providing logistic and technical support to all the embarked helicopters. Since its constitution the Group has been employed in primary strategic role as Anti-submarine and Anti-surface warfare as well as surveillance of warships belonging to the soviet union block and operating in the Mediterranean sea. Since its foundation the fourth helicopter squadron has flown more than 100.000 flight hours.



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